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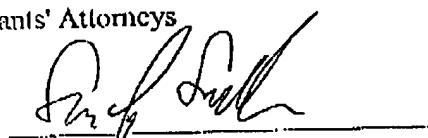
The requirement for restriction being the only issue raised in the present Office Action, this paper is fully responsive to the same. The Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application for any non-elected subject matter in this application.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the presently submitted response, applicants' attorney respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention. If there are any associated or additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458 maintained by the Applicant's Assignees.

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